PRESIDENT: Where honourable members can get information from public documents of Government, they are not expected to put questions regarding that. It is never the practice anywhere. That is why reference is made in that manner. For instance things which you can get from the Administration Report, Census Report or from the Proceedings of the Assembly and the Council, these are matters on which you need not put questions because the reqnired information to the public will be available in the reports. The honourable member cannot say that the public are so keen that they are reading every word of what is said by way of answer to the question. The average man is as much acquainted with the Administration Report as with any answers to the questions. But if honourable members want these items of information to be published, they should themselves do propaganda in respect of these matters.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: My point is that in regard to certain questions where the information is easily available from the public documents like Administrtaion Report, fresh answers are given. In the circumstances, may I know why for this particular question the member is referred to the Administration Report?

PRESIDENT: Orders have now been passed that no such information need be supplied if they could be obtained from any public documents.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Sir, as for that matter nnder Rules and Standing Orders, we have got the right to get, information from the Government.

PRESIDENT: Undoubtedly. Hereafter an answer will be given to the effect that the honourable member will refer to page such and such of the report. Instructions to that effect have already been issued.

MR. P. O THOMAS: Then, is it not an instance where questions are being disallowed and the right of the members cut short?

PRESIDENT: No. Questions are allowed and the members are given the relevant information.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): That means every member will have to refer to the published documents whereas if the member in charge of Government relating to that particular department were to supply the information, that will save a lot of trouble on the part of the members on this side of the House.

Government Harijan Hostel, Nagercoil.

122 ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of students admitted to the Government Harijan Hostel, Nagercoil, during the last school year and the communities to which they belonged?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

Sambavars	...	20
Pulayas	...	2
Maravas	...	5
Kurava	...	1
Pallan	...	1
Total	...	29

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